

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is related to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/525,467 by Hampden-Smith et al., entitled CARBON DIOXIDE ABSORBENT MATERIALS AND METHODS FOR MAKING SAME, and filed on November 26, 2003, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.